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DR. JOSEPH TORREY
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RECORD BOOK OF
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A Record of Persons joined together in Marriage
by Joseph Torrey Pastor of the Ch^t of Christ in said
Kingston.

Anno Domⁱ 1736 the persons following
William Enos & Sarah Ladd were joined together in
Marriage Mar^t 17. 1736 A.D. 1736

Oliver Bedford of this Town and Elisabeth Raymond of New-
London, were joined together in Marriage Dec^r 9. 1736

Anno Domⁱ 1737 the persons following

Jeremiah Miles and Ann Dickinson both of this
Town, were joined together in Marriage Mar^t 21. 1737
Paul Woolbridge & Sarah Rutledge both of this Town
Lawfully married July 5. 1737

Jacob Cox of Newport & Mary May of this Town
were joined together in Marriage Sept^r 8. 1737

Peter Bent and Sarah Smith both of this Town were
joined together in marriage Nov^r 4. 15^m 1737

John Chaddock & Mary Champlin Indian both of this Town
were joined together in Marriage Feb^r 5. 1737

Jacob Tindall of North Kingston & Mary Smith of
Boston Neck of this Town were joined together in marriage
April 7. 1738

First Page of Dr. Torrey's Record of Marriages



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I wish to express my appreciation and indebtedness to Miss Mary LeMoine Potter of Kingston, Rhode Island, who so kindly permitted me to transcribe Dr. Torrey's marriage records; and also to Howard Millar Chapin, Librarian of the Rhode Island Historical Society, for his assistance and advice.

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Dr. Joseph Torrey and his Record Book of Marriages

By WILLIAM DAVIS MILLER.

The first authenticated record regarding the life of Joseph Torrey of Tower Hill in South Kingstown, doctor of divinity and of medicine, is that of his marriage in the year 1730. Information concerning him prior to that date is difficult to obtain and is largely a matter of speculation. There was, however, born in the Town of Weymouth, in the then County of Suffolk, in Massachusetts, on October 19, 1707,¹ a Joseph Torrey, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Symmes) Torrey of that town.

It has been generally accepted that this Joseph Torrey recorded in the Weymouth Records was the Dr. Joseph Torrey later of Tower Hill, and there are several facts that would reasonably permit it to be assumed as correct. Dr. Torrey's grave stone is inscribed "died the 25th Nov^r 1791 in the 85th year of his age and the 61st of his Ministry."² He would, therefore, have been born in either the years 1706 or 1707, but probably the latter, as after October 19, 1791, he would indeed be in his eighty-fifth year. There have also been persistent rumors, usually stated as facts, that Dr. Torrey was a graduate of Harvard College in 1728, at the age of twenty-one.³ This is substantiated by the will of Joseph Torrey of Weymouth, mentioned in the preceding paragraph, which states; "to my son Joseph his

¹Weymouth Vital Records, N. E. Historic and Genealogical Register, Vol. I, p. 311.

²Through an unfortunate misprint in Miss Caroline Hazard's "Anchors of Tradition," the date of Dr. Torrey's death is given as 1807, at the age of 83 (p. 95). Under the date of September 21, 1788, Ezra Stiles, in his diary, notes that "I returned to the Ferry by Revd Dr. Torreys, ae. 81"

³Quinquennial Catalogue of the Officers and Graduates of Harvard University, Cambridge, 1915, p. 129.

Learning at the College til he takes his first Degree, That is to say one hundred and fifteen Pounds twenty-five Pounds per Annum the three first years and thirty-five Pounds ye fourth year of his being at College."⁴

Dr. Torrey's great grandfather has been stated to have been William Torrey, who was born in England about 1608. He was married three times; first to Agnes Combe (died 1629/30) at Combe St. Nicholas, Somersetshire, England, secondly to Jane Haviland (died 1639) and thirdly to Elizabeth Fry. He came to America about 1640 and was settled in Weymouth in 1648, where he died in 1690. His second son by his second wife was William, junior, (1638-1717/8), who was born in England, and probably came to America with his father. He married Deborah Greene (1649-1728/9) and their son Joseph was presumably the father of Dr. Torrey.

In 1730, as has been stated, and two years after his presumed graduation from Harvard, Torrey was settled in South Kingstown employed upon his profession of medicine. On October fifteenth of the same year he married⁵ Elizabeth Willson,⁶

⁴Suffolk Probate Records, Book XIII, p. 13. Dated April 15, 1723 and probated May 8, 1723. The testator was born about 1678 and died April 1723. The date given in the records is April 22 and on his grave stone April 24. Weymouth Vital Records, Vol. II, p. 353. In the Suffolk Probate Records, Book XXIV, p. 248, (1725), Joseph Torrey "a minor, son of Joseph Torrey late of Weymouth requests that his uncle, John Torry (sic), be appointed guardian."

⁵William Torrey, senior, is mentioned as the great grandfather of Dr. Torrey by Franklin Bowditch Dexter, editor of the *Literary Diary of Ezra Stiles*, 3 vols., Scribners, N. Y., 1901 (see note Vol. III, p. 330). The Diary, as edited by Dexter, has been found to differ to a considerable extent from the original manuscript in the Yale University Library. This has been explained by the fact that Dexter changed the text and added interpolations from data acquired from other manuscripts of Stiles. These changes are not noted and can only be checked by comparison with the holograph diary. Also see the "Torrey Families and their Children in America," Frederic C. Torrey, Lakelhurst, N. J., 1924, of which volume one alone has been published to date. This reference also states that Dr. Torrey was engaged as a school teacher in Weymouth in May, 1730, at the salary of thirty pounds per annum. It would seem that he held this post but a short time in view of his marriage in Kingstown five months later and as he is supposed to have settled there about that time.

⁶The History of the Narragansett Church, Wilkins Updike, 2nd ed., Boston, 1907, Vol. 1, p. 123.

⁷Born about 1709 and died May 6, 1746.



daughter of Captain Jeremiah Willson and his first wife Ann (Manoxon).⁸ Dr. MacSparran, soon to be Torrey's legal opponent in the Ministry land dispute, performed the ceremony. There were seven children born of this union, one of whom, Oliver, died at early age.⁹

On December 4, 1731 "four gentlemen of Kingstown" addressed the authorities of the Congregational Church, in Boston, with the request that Dr. Torrey be settled among them to preach, there having been no one in that locality since the departure of Samuel Niles in 1710.¹⁰ This was granted, and in April of the following year the authorities were again petitioned, this time with the request that Torrey be ordained.

As a result, a church was formed and on May 17, 1732, Torrey was ordained,¹¹ the first Congregational minister by ordination in South Kingstown, by the Rev. Samuel Niles, Rev. John Webb, Rev. Thomas Prince and the Rev. James Searing.

Within a short period after his ordination Dr. Torrey was involved in litigation, for and in behalf of his Church, for the possession of the tract of land set aside by the original Pettaquamscut Purchasers, in 1668, and designated by them, with intentional ambiguity as "For the Ministry."¹² Dr. Mac-

⁸Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, J. O. Austin, p. 230.

⁹The children were: Elizabeth, born July 19, 1731, married Edward Adams of Killingly, Conn.; Joseph, born February 4, 1732/3, married December, 1757, Hannah Fisk, died February 19, 1804 (See notice in *Providence Gazette*, March 31, 1804), lived in Killingly; Oliver, born February 14, 1734/5, died young; Ann, born May 13, 1737, married Thomas Hawkins, May 25, 1758; Samuel Holden, born 1738, married Ann Gould, died 1786; Mary, married Wm. W. Pollock of South Kingstown; and Lucy, married an Osgood of Boston.

¹⁰There had been four Congregational preachers settled in South Kingstown prior to Dr. Torrey: Woodward, Danforth, Flynt and Niles. (Early History of Narragansett, E. R. Potter, p. 278.)

¹¹History of the Narragansett Church, Vol. I, p. 374.

¹²The Purchasers, being members of both the Church of England and of the Congregational Church, and fearing the result of definite assignment of the land to either Church, chose this means of compromise. (Early History of Narragansett, pp. 123-130, and History of the Narragansett Church, Vol. I, pp. 76-83.) The land contained about 300 acres and was situated to the east of, and near to Wordens Pond in South



Sparren¹³ claimed this land for the Church of England and for twenty years, from 1732 until 1752, when Dr. Torrey emerged victorious, the legal conflict was waged by the representatives of the two churches.

Dr. Torrey's first wife died in 1746 and on May 24, 1750, he married, at Stoneham, Mass., Elizabeth Fisk, the daughter of the Rev. John Fisk of Killingly, Connecticut,¹⁴ who was the first ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Putnam. Elizabeth Fisk would appear to have been the sister of Hannah, who later married Joseph Torrey, junior. By his second wife, Dr. Torrey had eight children,¹⁵ two of whom died in infancy and whose names are unknown.

Dr. Torrey's meeting house stood on an acre of land, given by Judge Samuel Sewell and his wife Hannah in 1707, which was situated on the easterly side of the Post Road on Tower Hill and south of the road which leads to the Pettaquamscut, or Narrow, River. Torrey lived on the south side of the road leading westward from the Post Road, a short distance to the south of the Church lot.¹⁶ Updike says that "The Church gathered by Dr. Torrey was never large, but yet was respectable in numbers dwindling, however, in the latter part of his life."¹⁷

Kingstown. The tract appears on several plats of the Purchase, one of which has been published in the first volume of Rhode Island Land Evidences, R. I. Historical Society, Providence, 1921. This land was eventually sold and the proceeds now form a fund in the treasury of the Church in Kingston.

¹³Dr. James MacSparran was a minister of the Church of England and resident in South Kingstown. An excellent account of his life appears as an Introduction to his "Diary", edited by the Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Boston, 1899.

¹⁴Elizabeth Fisk was born about 1721 and died July 16, 1780. (The Torrey Families and their Children in America, Vol. I, p. 87). Stiles' Diary, Vol. I, p. 165 and note. Dr. Fisk is elsewhere mentioned as having large estates in Killingly. Dr. Torrey owned a house and fifty acres in that Town at the time of his death (Joseph Torrey's will). Stiles states that Dr. Fisk died May 14, 1773 "aet 90 & supra, emeritus."

¹⁵Children were: John Fisk, born 1750; Oliver, William, Abigail, Sarah and Elizabeth.

¹⁶In his will (South Kingstown Probate Records, Book VI, pp. 246 7-8), Dr. Torrey gives the bounds of "my Mansion House & Land."

¹⁷History of the Narragansett Church, Vol. I, p. 124.



Ezra Stiles writes in his diary that at the age of 81 years, Dr. Torrey was unable to preach—"No Meet^g held at his meet^g house"¹⁸

Dr. Torrey died November 25, 1791¹⁹ in his eighty-fifth year and after over sixty-one years service to the community as minister to its physical²⁰ and spiritual well being. His grave, with the graves of his wives on either side, lies in the small overgrown bit of ground where many of his parishioners are buried and where his meeting house stood.

There was recently found among the papers collected by the late Hon. Elisha R. Potter of Kingston, a small "home made" copy book which, upon examination, proved to be the records of the "names etc. of the persons joyned together in Marriage by Joseph Torrey." The records, covering a period of forty-seven years, 1736-1783, are in the Doctor's own hand, which loses its strength, but not its clarity, as the pages are filled. These records are published here, for what is believed to be the first time, and in the hope that they will be of genealogical value and interest.

"A Record of the Names &c of the persons joyned together in Marriage by Joseph Torrey Pastor of the Chts: of Christ in South Kingstown.

Anno Domⁱ: 1736 the persons following

William Enos & Sarah Lad: both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Oc^{br} 17th 1736

Oliver Haszard of this Town & Elisabeth Raymond of New London: were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage. Dec^r 9th 1736

¹⁸Literary Diary of Ezra Stiles, Vol. III, p. 330.

¹⁹Notices of his death appeared in the *Providence Gazette*, December 24, 1791, and the *U. S. Chronicle*, December 22, 1791. Also the Stiles' Diary, Vol. III, p. 437. The date is given as inscribed on his gravestone.

²⁰It is interesting to note that Dr. Torrey was voted Two Pounds by the Assembly in 1751 (Act and Resolves, November, 1751) for services rendered in connection with the case of the murderer Thomas Carter. This was probably for medical attention, as Dr. MacSparran acted with zealous ability as Carter's spiritual "advisor." (History of the Narragansett Church and also MacSparran's Diary, p. XXVI.)



Anno Domⁱ: 1737. the persons Following

Jeremiah Niles and Ann Dickinson both of this Town; were
Lawfully joyned together in Marriage April 21st 1737

Paul Woodbridge & Sarah Gretridge both of this town were
Lawfully Married. July 5. 1737

Jacob Cox of Newport & Mary Haydon of this Town were
Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Sep^{tr} ye 8th 1737

John Bent and Sarah Smith both of this Town were Lawfully
joyned together in Marriage Nov^{br} ye 13th 1737

John Chaddock & Mary Champlin (Indians) both of this
Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Feb: 5 1737

Anno Domⁱ 1738. the persons Following

Jacob Pindar of North Kingstown & Mary Smith of Boston
Neck in this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage
April ye 2^d. 1738

Mr. James Heline of South Kingstown & Mrs. Esther Powel
of North Kingstown were Lawfully Married Oc^{br} 19th 1738

John Bailey Jun^r of Newport & Elisabeth Bennet of this
Town were lawfully joyned together in Marriage Feb: 11, 1738.

Capt John Williams of Stonington in the Colony of Connecti-
cutt & the Widow Mary Helme of this Town were Lawfully
joyned together in Marriage March 7th 1738

John Dye & Abigail Wilkinson both of this Town were Law-
fully joyned together in Marriage March 18th 1738

Nathaniel Helme & Mary (the Daughter of Robert & Kath-
erine Hannah) Both of this Town were Lawfully Married April
15 1739.

Benja: Tucker & Mary (the Daughter of John & Elisabeth)
Smith both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in
Marriage April 29. 1739

James Duglas & Hannah (the Daughter of William & Ann)
Cole both of North Kingstown were Lawfully Joyned together
in Marriage April 30. 1739

William Polluck & Mary (the Daughter of Jeremiah & Mary)
Willson both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in
Marriage May 10th 1739



Joshua Tiff & Sarah Pindar (Indians) both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage August 2^d 1739

Mr. Samuel Niles Jun^r of Braintree in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay & Miss Sarah Niles (the Daughter of Mr. Nath^l & Mrs Mary Niles of South Kingstown) were Lawfully Joyned together In Marriage Dec^r 20 1739

William Callahan Residing in this Town & Mary Norton of James Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Feb^b 17th 1739.

Jonas Belton of Groton in the Colony of Connecticutt & Tabitha Niles (the Daugh^{tr} of Mr Nath^l & Mary Niles) were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage April 3^d 1740

James Rose Residing in this Town & Sarah Bellington of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage April 20th 1740

Joseph Hamand Jun^r of this Town & Elisabeth (the Daughter of John & Mercy) Paine of James Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage July 10th 1740.

Joseph Holloway and Katherine Hannah both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage March 11th 1740

Michael Armstrong and Lydia Mott both of North Kingstown were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage March 12th 1740/1

Simeon Palmer and Sarah Niles (Daughter of Ebenezer & Abigail Niles) both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage March 25 1741/2

Israel Peirce and Dorothy Wilkinson both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage May 23^d 1742

John Gardner of this Town & Mercy Wilkinson of Charlestown were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage June 24th 1742

Nathan Gardner & Katherine (the Daughter of Mr Nath^l & Mary) Niles Both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Oct^{br} 21. 1742

John Potter (son of Ichabod) and Elizabeth Hannah both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Feb. 20. 1742.

James Haszard & Sarah Cummock (Indians) both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage May 1st 1743.



William Caswell & the Widow Susannah Haggard Both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Sept^r 4. 1743

Jonathan Johnson & Patience Haszard (Indians) both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Oct^r 20th 1743.

John Grennan & the Widow Hannah Smith both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Nov^r 24. 1743.

Nathan Jackwise & the Widow Jemima Parr both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Dec^r 8th 1743.

Latham Clark & Lucy Mumford both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Jan^y 19th 1743.

John Bent & Mary Billington both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Febr^r 2 1743.

Thomas Gardner (Son of William Gardner) of this Town & Mary Higginbotham of North Kingstown were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage April 12. 1744:

Jacob Haszard & Ruth Allen (Indians) both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage May 20th 1744.

Charles Campbell & Mary Sweet Both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Nov^r 14. 1744.

Capt^t Silas Niles and M^rs Hannah Mumford both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Dec^r 9. 1744.

Joseph Austin & Mary Lee Both of North Kingston were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Dec^r 22 1744.

Samuel Willson and Hannah (the Daughter of Immanuel & Hannah) Case both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Dec^r 30. 1744.

Primus a Mulatto man & Widow Hannah Toby an Indian Woman both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage March 3^d 1744.

Rowse Helme And Mercy Thomas both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married March 24. 1744.

William Tisdale Residing in this Town & Lucy Hamand of North Kingston were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage May 23 1745.

Benedict Helme & Sarah Helme both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Nov^r 2. 1746.



Joseph Hollaway & abigail Niles both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Nov^r 30. 1746.

Joseph Billington & Abigail Braman both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Dece^r 21. 1746.

James Haszard a Mullatto Man & Sarah Sam an Indian Woman both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage March 22. 1746.

Oliver Tenant and Barbary Fowler both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage April 3. 1747.

James Fry Residing in this Town & the Widow Mary Reynolds of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage May 1747.

Paul Niles & Lucannah Keen both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Jan^y 3. 1747.

James Buckminster & Penelope Niles both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Jan^y 7. 1747.

John Potter Esq^r and Mrs Elizabeth Haszard (Daughter of Stephen Haszard Esq^r and Mary Haszard) both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Oct^r 19. 1749.

William Constable & the Widow Rebecca Rogers were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Aug. 12. 1750.

John Duglass & Lydia Tripp both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Sep^r 9. 1750.

Elisha Lewis Residing in this Town & Sarah Braman of this (sic) we (sic) Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Nov^r 19. 1750.

Nathan Gorham Residing in this Town & Susannah Kelly of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage May 14. 1751.

Ephraim Drake Residing within Town & Rhoda Oatley of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Nov^r 1. 1750.

Rynser Quackenbush & Ann Arnold both residing in this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage June 23. 1751.

Joseph Holloway & Elisabeth Potter both of this Town Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Nov^r 2. 1751



Stephen Shearman (Son of Elisha Shearman) of North Kingston and Magaret Lesley of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Dec^r 5. 1751.

Griffin Barney of Newport & Sarah Haszard (Daughter of Jonathan Haszard Dec^d) of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Ap. 23. 1752.

Richard Haszard and Susannah Haszard (Daughter of George Haszard Dec^d) both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Ap. 16. 1752.

Daniel Steadman & Susannah Perry both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage.

Lemuel Smith & Barbary Northup both of North Kingston were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage. Ap. 6 1752.

William Oakley & Elizabeth Mott both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage. July 2. 1752.

Daniel Weeden & Martha Potter both of this Town were Lawfully Joyned together in Marriage Jan. 7. 1753.

Caleb Tripp & Mary Everitt Both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Oct^r 7. 1753.

Charles Spooner of Newport & Patience Northup of North Kingston were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Oct^r 11. 1753.

Edward Perry & Dorcas Gardner both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Mar. 10. 1754.

Jeremiah Willson & the widow Abigail Dye both of this Town were Lawfully joyned together in Marriage Mar. 17. 1754.

John Cross Residing in this Town & Susannah Sheffield of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb. 28. 1754.

John Waterman of Warwick & Sarah Potter of this Town were Lawfully Married June 13. 1754.

William Sunderlin of Exeter & Penelope Case of this Town were Lawfully Married Sept^t 1. 1754.

Robert Potter Jun^r and Mary Potter both of this Town were Lawfully Married

Zephaniah Brown & Alice Willson both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 13. 1755.



Silas Harris & the Widow Mary Osbun both residing in this Town were Lawfully Married May 12. 1755.

John Will residing in Newport & the Widow Mary Pollock of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 1. 1755.

Benedict Oatly & Elizabeth Ladd both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 2. 1755.

John Peckcom & Mary Haszard (the Daughter of Capt Thomas Haszard) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 29. 1755.

Freeman Perry and Mercy Haszard (the daughter of Oliver Haszard) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^y 25. 1756.

Peter Boss Jun^r and Sarah Gardner (Daughter of Caleb Gardner) both of this Town were Lawfully Married April 4. 1756.

John Shearman of North Kingston and Freelove Whitford residing in this Town were Lawfully Married May 16, 1756.

Nicholas Spencer of East Greenwich and abigail Gardner (Daughter of Henry Gardner) of this Town were Lawfully Married December 12. 1756.

Edward Adams of Killingly in the Colony of Connecticut and Elizabeth Torrey of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r 16. 1756.

James Wells Jun^r of Westerly & Ruth Hannah of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^y 5. 1757.

Thomas Steadman Jun^r & Mary Perry (Daugh. of Benjamin Perry Dec^d) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb. 6. 1757.

Samuel Congdon and Sarah Champlin both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 19 1757.

M^r Jonathan Babcock of Westerly & M^{rs} Esther Haszard of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r 25. 1757.

Thomas Hawkins and Ann Torrey both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 25. 1758.

Jonathan Card & Elizabeth Haszard both of this Town were Lawfully Married 1758

Thomas Potter (Son of Ichabod Dec^d) and Elizabeth Reynolds both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 29. 1758.

Oliver Haszard of this Town & Patience Green of East Greenwich were Lawfully Married Nov^r 23. 1758.

Christopher Babcock of Hopkinton & Martha Perry of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r 29. 1758.

George Duglass of North Kingston and Susannah Northup of Exeter were Lawfully Married Dec^r 21. 1758.

Henry Green and Elizabeth Perkins both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r 3. 1758.

Thomas Spencer of East Greenwich and Ruth Wait of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r 7. 1759.

Christopher Nichols of East Greenwich & Mary Case of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap 13. 1759

Silas Casey of East Greenwich & abigail Coggeshall of North Kingston were Lawfully Married June 7th 1759.

Stephen Haszard (Son of Cap^t Thomas Haszard) and Elizabeth Carpenter both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 7. 1759.

Thomas Carpenter Jun^r and Dorcas Grinnal both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 25. 1759.

Ichabod Power Jun^r of New London in the Colony of Connecticut and Eunice Northup of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Nov^r 21. 1759.

Stukley Congdon And Asey Northup both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Nov^r 20. 1759.

Henry Wall and the widow Mary Phillips both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Jan^r 7. 1760.

Payne Johnson of Newport and Sarah Congdon of this Town were Lawfully Married Sept^t 3. 1760.

Benjamin Bill of Groton in the Colony of Connecticut and Sarah Helme of North Kingston were Lawfully Married December 28. 1760.

Jonathan Carpenter and Miriam Lock both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r 15. 1761.

Thomas Gardner (Son of William) and Ruth Shearman both of this Town were Lawfully Married Mar. 19. 1761.

John Robinson and Sarah Peckcom both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 9. 1761

Enoch Haszard and Mary Potter both of this Town were Lawfully Married June 4. 1761.

Charles Tillinghast and Abigail Allen both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married 1761.

Henry Reynolds and Mary Rogers both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 1. 1761.

Josiah Sheffield of New Shoram and Sarah Gardner of this Town were Lawfully Married June 8th 1761.

Ray Sands of New Shoram and Ann Niles of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 29. 1761.

Richard Chappel and Sarah Jackways both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r 29. 1761. 1753508

Samuel Dyre of Newport (Son of William Dyre of this Town) and Mary Perry of this Town were Lawfully Married July 18. 1762.

Ichabod Potter (Son of Ichabod) and Deborah Reynolds (Daughter of James Reynolds) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 30. 1762.

Elihu Champlin of Stonington in the Colony of Connecticut and Ruhamah Lewis of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 21. 1762.

Col. John Willson and Mrs Hannah Haszard (Daughter of Col. Thomas Haszard) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 21. 1762.

Nathanael Lewis and Elizabeth Hull (Daughter of Joseph Hull) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r 25. 1762.

Daniel Carpenter Jun^r and Susannah Congdon (Daughter of Benj^a Congdon Dec^d.) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r 19. 1762.

Samuel Haszard & Hannah Perry (Daughter of Benj^a Perry Esq^r) both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 1. 1763.

Andrew Nichols Jun^r & Ann Taylor both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r 24. 1763.

Abijah Babcock & Bridget Watson both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r 13. 1763.



Joseph Clark (Son of William Clark) of Charleston and Dorcas Sheffield of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r 15th. 1763.

Daniel Shearman and Hannah Steadman both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r 11. 1763.

Joseph Hull Jun^r and Molly Gardner (Daughter of Thomas Gardner) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r 18. 1763.

John Howland of James Town & Mary Coggeshall of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Mar. 4. 1764.

Beriah Brown Jun^r. of Exeter and Amy Shearman of this Town were Lawfully Married Mar. 8. 1764.

Benjamin Stanton of Richmond Town & Renewed Carpenter of this Town were Lawfully Married May 6. 1764.

Stephen Chappel of Exeter and Penelope Eyres residing in this Town were Lawfully Married May 25. 1764.

John Sheldon Esqr. and Mrs. Freelove Brown both of this Town were Lawfully Married June 3. 1764.

George Thomas of Richmond Town and Bathsheba Hull of this Town were Lawfully Married Augst. 12. 1764.

John Braman and Meribah Tenant both of this Town were Lawfully Married Sep^r 16. 1764.

Thomas Kynion Jun^r. & Sarah Steadman both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 15. 1764.

John Potter Jun^r. and Mary Niles both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r. 20. 1764.

William Potter (Son of Robert) and Mary Rathbone both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jany. 24. 1765.

Barzillai Duglas & Mercy Congdon (Daughter of William Congdon Dec^d) both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Febr 28. 1765.

Raynold Shearman & Mary Shearman both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Ap. 29. 1765.

Joseph Dennison 2^d. of Stonington in the Colony of Connecticut and Mary Babcock of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 10. 1765.



Barzillai Duglass & Mercy Congdon (daughter
William Congdon Dec^d) both of North Kingston were
Lawfully Married Feb^r 28. 1765.

Reynold Sherman & Mary Sherman both of North
Kingston were Lawfully Married Apr. 29. 1765.

Joseph Dennison 2^d of Kingston in the Colony
of Connecticut and Mary Babcock of this Town were
Lawfully Married Nov^r 10. 1765.

William Steadman of this Town andannah
Jermon of North Kingston were Lawfully
Married Nov^r 25. 1765.

Jabez Tucker and Susannah Lea both of this
Town were Lawfully Married Feb^r 12. 1766.

Capt. Willson Pollock and Mary Torrey both of
this Town were Lawfully Married Feb^r 6. 1766.

Job Watson & Sarah Haford (Daughter of Robert
Dec^d) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb^r 12. 1766.

Paul Pomeroy and Martha Potter (Daughter of Thomas Potter)
both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 25. 1766.

Nicholas Gardner (Son of Caleb) and Sarah Reynolds
both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 29. 1766.

A Page from Dr. Torrey's Record of Marriages showing the marriage
of his Daughter Mary to Capt. Willson Pollock



William Steadman of this Town and Hannah Seranton of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 25. 1765.

Jabez Tucker and Susannah Lee both of this Town were Lawfully Married Febr^r. 2. 1766.

Capt^r. Willson Pollock and Mary Torrey both of this Town were Lawfully Married Febr^r. 6. 1766.

Job Watson & Sarah Haszard (Daughter of Robert Dec^d.) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb 12. 1766.

Paul Braman and Martha Potter (Daughter of Thomas Potter) both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 25. 1766.

Nicholas Gardner (Son of Caleb) and Sarah Reynolds both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 29. 1766.

Thomas Shearman and Mary Haszard (Daughter of Caleb) both of this Town were Lawfully Married June 29. 1766.

William Holloway & Sarah Crossman both of this Town were Lawfully Married July 13 1766.

Henry Hooper Holland Residing in this Town & Susannah Ladd of this Town were Lawfully Married August. 10. 1766.

Christopher Haszard of North Kingston (Son of Caleb) and Sarah Lock of this Town were Lawfully Married Sept^r. 7th. 1766.

Enoch Stanton and Wait Dyre both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r 12. 1766.

Col^o. John Potter and Hannah Potter (Daughter of Robert Potter) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r. 21. 1766.

Elnathan Lewis & Margaret Tarjee both residing in this Town were Lawfully Married March 22. 1767.

Daniel Dye & Martha Nichols both of this Town were Lawfully Married March 29. 1767.

Samuel Perry & Martha Niles both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 2. 1767.

James Tifft and Jane Armstrong both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 3. 1767.

William Dyre Jun^r. of this Town & Sarah Kynion of Richmond Town were Lawfully Married July 19th. 1767.



William Rees & Elizabeth Larkham both of this Town were Lawfully Married Aug. 16. 1767.

John Cottril & Margeret Potter (daughter of Benjamin Potter) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Aug. 30. 1767.

John Weight & Margeret Sheffield both of this Town were Lawfully Married Sept^r. 3. 1767.

Stephen Congdon & Mary Taylor both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Sept^r. 13. 1767.

Capt^r. Francis Carpenter & Mrs. Ester Helme were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 11. 1767.

David Remington & Mary Sheldon both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 15. 1767.

Jeremiah Niles Esqr. of this Town & the Widow Eunice Greenman of Westerly were Lawfully Married Dec^r. 22. 1767.

Nathan Jackways Jun^r. and Hannah Northup (Dau^r. of Sylvester Northup) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 17th 1768.

Jeffry Champlin (Son of Stephen Champlin) of Exeter & Mary Gardner (Daughter of John Gardner) of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 21. 1768.

Nicholas Easton Jun^r. of Newport & Elizabeth Potter Daughter of John Potter Esqr. of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb. 25. 1768.

John Marsh & the Widow Hannah Bill both of this Town were Lawfully married July 3. 1768.

Abal Franklin of Jamestown & Mary Shearman (Daughter of Henry) of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 9. 1768.

William Potter (Son of John Potter Esqr.) & Sarah Niles both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 10. 1768.

Benjamin Nichols Jun^r. & Anne Green both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 16. 1768.

Jonathan Haszard Esqr. of this Town & Miss Anne Clark of East Greenwich were Lawfully Married Feb. 12. 1769.

William Potter Taylor & Elizabeth Potter (Daughter of Robert Potter) both of this Town were Lawfully Married 7th. May. 1769

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Nicholas Gardner & Martha Champlin both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married June 8. 1769.

Joseph Cummock of Charleston & Sarah Wamsley of this Town (Indians) were Lawfully Married June 18. 1769.

Samuel Sheffield & Elizabeth Allen both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married June 29. 1769.

Edward Lock & Mary Jackways both of this Town were Lawfully Married. Aug 20. 1769.

Peleg Babcock & Lucy Babcock both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 25. 1769.

Robert Potter Jun^r, & Abigail Gardner both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 5. 1769.

George Shearman of North Kingston and Sarah Littlefield of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r. 3. 1769.

Abel Cottrel & Mary Potter both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r. 25. 1769.

Ezekiel Gardner of this Town & Mary Gardner of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Feb. 1. 1770.

Robert Congdon of Charleston & Abigail Browning of this Town were Lawfully Married Mar. 8. 1770.

Rowse Potter & Elizabeth Gardner both of this Town were Lawfully Married Mar. 22. 1770.

Henry Potter of Newport & Dorcas Perry of this Town were Lawfully Married June 24. 1770.

James Rogers Jun^r. & Mercy Tiffet both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 27. 1771.

Capt. Samuel Oatley and Abigail Nichols (Daughter of Kendall Nichols of Newport) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 21. 1771.

Samuel Seagar (Son of John Seagar Dec^d) and Alice Seagar both of this Town were Lawfully married Nov^r. 24. 1771.

Joseph Jackways & Hope Northup both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 26 1772.

John Croucher & Sarah Billington both of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb. 2. 1772.

John Haszard & Sarah Gardner both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap 30. 1772.



Philip Tourjee of North Kingston & Desire Tourjee residing in this Town were Lawfully Married June 14. 1772.

Joseph Carpenter & Belhiah Babcock both of this Town were Lawfully Married June 24. 1772.

Pardon Mawney of East Greenwich & Experience Gardner of this Town were Lawfully Married June 25. 1772.

Mingo A Negro Man belonging to Col^o. Silas Niles) and Dinah a Negro Woman belonging to Jeremiah Niles Esqr. were Married by consent of their Masters Aug. 23. 1772.

Stephen Crosby & Happy Seranton both of Newport were Lawfully Married Sept^t. 6. 1772.

Beriah Carpenter of this Town & Elizabeth Babcock of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 1. 1772.

George Reynolds & Elizabeth Rogers both of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 15. 1772.

John Bull (Son of Ephraim) and Mary Haszard (Daughter of Jonathan) both of this Town were Lawfully Married July 4. 1773.

John Records Jun^r. late of Paugipsie in the Government of New York & Mary Donwill Residing in this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 7. 1773.

Richard Philips of North Kingston & Lydia Whaley of this Town were Lawfully married Oct^r. 24. 1773.

Richard Corey Residing in this Town & the Widow Mary Shearman of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 25 1773.

Peleg Gradmer of North Kingston & Isabel Watson of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 26. 1773.

James Pierce & Mary Crosman both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 7. 1773.

Oliver Kynion & Sarah Sweet both Residing in this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 24. 1773.

Elisha Watson & Miriam Babcock both of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r. 15. 1773.

Dr. William Chace & Katherine Rodman (Daughter of Samuel Rodman) both of this Town were Lawfully Married Mar 15. 1774.



Daniel Knowles & Sarah Potter (Daughter of Robert Potter) both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 12. 1774.

Nathan Gardner of this Town and the Widow Thankful Hull of Jamestown were Lawfully Married June 16. 1774.

Michael Armstrong & Hannah Babcock both of this Town were Lawfully Married Aug. 25. 1774.

Nicholas Gould & Bethany Steadman both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 17. 1774.

Benjamin Perry & Ruth Potter both of this Town were Lawfully Married 1774.

Rowse Potter (Son of Thomas) & Elizabeth Seagar both of this Town were Lawfully Married 1774.

William Tourjee & Sarah Billington both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 8. 1775.

Elisha Billington & Sarah Tennant both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 22. 1775.

Stephen Potter & Abigail Robinson both of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb. 9. 1775.

Nathan Munrow of Rehoboth in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay & Alice Haszard were Lawfully Married Feb. 13. 1775.

Ephraim Carpenter & Mary Rodman both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 9. 1775.

Samuel Clark & Sarah Niles both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 13. 1775.

Jonathan Perry & Sarah Dickinson both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 7th. 1775.

Oliver Tennant Jun^r. & Mehitabel Braman both of this Town were Lawfully Married July 2. 1775.

James Potter Jun^r. of Newport & Alice Perry of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 22. 1775.

Daniel Harris of Springfield in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay & Ann Greenman of this Town were Lawfully Married November 28. 1775.

Thomas Champlin & Lucy Niles both of this Town were Lawfully Married Mar 17. 1776.



Joseph Perkins & Mary Gardner (of Caleb) both of this Town were Lawfully Married June 16. 1776.

Jerimiah Brown Junr. & Eleoner Lillebridge both of this Town were Lawfully Married Sep^r. 29. 1776.

John Caswel of Newport & Hannah Tefft of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 7. 1776.

William Peckham & Mercy Perry both of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb. 13. 1777.

Capt^t. Loring Peck of Bristol & Jane Burke late of Newport now residing in this Town were Lawfully Married Feb. 23. 1777.

Rufus Wheeler of Stonington (in the State of Connecticut) & Abigail Potter of this Town were Lawfully Married June 12. 1777.

Walter Watson of this Town & Abigail Haszard of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 16. 1777.

James Helme & Sarah Clark both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 9th. 1777.

Michael Dye & Margaret Armstrong both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 23. 1777.

Nicholas Northup of North Kingston & Desire Gardner of this Town were Lawfully Married May 11. 1778.

Daniel Billington & the Widow Sarah Chappel both of this Town were Lawfully Married June 14. 1778.

Thomas Peckham late of Middleton & Hannah Weaver late of Newport both residing in this Town were Lawfully Married June 29. 1778.

John Rose Junr. & Orphah Sweet both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 3. 1779.

Jonathan Haszard & Esther Watson both of North Kingston were Lawfully Married Mar. 23. 1779.

Benjamin Haszard & Hannah Haszard both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 11. 1779.

Stephen Champlin Gardner of Exeter & Mary Champlin of this Town were Lawfully Married May 2^d. 1779.

Edward Cartright & Lydia Kynion both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 9th. 1779.



Charles Barker & Sarah Sheffield both of this Town were Lawfully Married July 11th. 1779.

Alexander Burt a Soldier in the Army & Hannah Hays of this Town were Lawfully Married Oct^r. 24. 1779.

John Haszard of North Kingston & Martha Clark of this Town were Lawfully Married. 4th Jan^r. 1781.

Joseph Oatley & Mary Haszard (Daughter of Stephen) both of this Town were Lawfully Married 29th. Jan^r. 1781.

Enoch Lewis & Eunice Smith both of this Town were Lawfully Married Feb^r. 26. 1781.

Ephraim Williams of Stonington in the State of Connecticut & Sarah Potter (Daughter of John Potter Esqr.) were Lawfully Married. Mar. 15. 1781.

Thomas Shearman & the Widow Ann Shearman both of this Town were Lawfully Married March 20. 1781.

Capt. Timothy Lock & Sarah Perry both of this Town were Lawfully Married Ap. 2. 1781.

Peleg Barber residing in this Town & Isabel Shearman of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 1. 1781.

Stephen Carpenter of this Town & Susan Champlin (Daughter of Jeffry Champlin) of Exeter were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 15. 1781.

Peleg Potter (residing in Jamestown) and the Widow Elisabeth Taggart (residing in this Town were Lawfully Married March 20. 1782.

Ephraim Smith Jun^r. & Thankful Northup both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 2. 1782.

George Curlis of Providence & Mary Haszard (daughter of Enoch Haszard Esqr.) of this Town were Lawfully Married May 5. 1782.

Jahel Park and Prudence Stanton both of this Town were Lawfully Married May 20. 1782.

Daniel Carpenter 3^d. of this Town & Mary Champlin (daughter of Jeffry Champlin) of Exeter were Lawfully Married June 10. 1782.

Holley Chappel & Rhoda Oatley both of this Town were Lawfully Married July 11. 1782.



George Potter & Sarah Carpenter both of this Town were Lawfully Married Aug. 8. 1782.

James Tennant of this Town & Mary Chappel of Exeter were Lawfully Married. Sept. 19. 1782.

Thomas Chappel of Exeter & Hannah Armstrong of this Town were Lawfully Married. Sept. 19. 1782.

Nathan Jackways (son of Samuel Jackways) & Sarah Northup both of this Town were Lawfully Married Nov^r. 24. 1782.

John Hartt of Stonington in the State of Connecticut & the Widow Anna Bull of this Town were Lawfully Married Dec^r. 5. 1782.

John Braman Jun^r. & Cynthia Steadman both of this Town were Lawfully Married Jan^r. 28. 1783.

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